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Attachment 1

Malos Tiempos, Cochabamba, Tuesday 29 November 1949.

QUESTIONS OF CURRENT INTEREST POSED TO MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND GOVERNMENT

Deputy Roberto Jordan Cuellar has submitted the following group of questions to be asked the two ministers, who are to appear in the Chamber to give oral reply on a date which has not yet been set:

- (1) How many members of the military have been dismissed, as the result of political affiliations ("sindicaciones politicas") from July 1946 to date? (List).
- (2) How many members of the military have been detained, tried, imprisoned and exiled for the same reasons? (Specify exact reasons and motives given for trial, detention, imprisonment or exile).
- (3) How many civilians and women have been detained for political reasons from 1946 to date? (Give names and numbers. Specify exact reasons and motives given for trial, detention, imprisonment or exile).
- (4) Why have the jails been kept filled to capacity, without, to date, having even gone so far as to make the initial accusations against those supposed guilty? Is it true that among those held there are minors, cadets, and students?
- (5) Why have orders for release, issued by competent authorities, been ignored, and why are civilians being tried by special tribunals - of a military nature - which are prohibited by the "Carta Magna"?
- (6) Why are those individuals being held or indicted not allowed the necessary liberty to prepare their own defense, thus deprived of the right to meet daily with their lawyers and families? Is it true that torture and maltreatment is as prevalent in the prison of San Pedro as it is on Coati Island?
- (7) Is it true that the number of dead and wounded in Llallagua and Catavi, caused by the recent revolution in August, is as much as 2,000? What amount of compensation is used to take care of relatives?
- (8) Finally, what is the reason for continuing to detain individuals who had nothing to do with the events in August? Why was the decree, issued by President Urriolagoitia to set them free immediately, not carried out?

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